

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 2/7/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-8 (Renumbered as claims 1-7).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 March 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This is a Notice of Allowance in response to Amendment filed 2/7/2005 responsive to the prior Office Action dated, 8/24/2004.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 3-8 are allowed. Renumbered as claims 1-7.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yasuo Muramatsu on April 8, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

The Abstract of the Disclosure, on page 2 of the Amendment filed 2/7/2005, has been replaced with the following new Abstract:

"A method of converting test vectors in an original cycle based test language into a target cycle based test language, by forming a set of templates depicting waveforms defined in the target test language, decomposing a waveform in the original test language into a set of constituent events where each event includes data showing at least a starting value and a number of subsequent edges of the waveform, comparing

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the template and the set of constituent events at different levels of abstraction determined in advance, in the order of a signal level, a wave kind level where the signal is configured by a plurality of wave kinds, and a character level where the wave kind is configured by a plurality of characters, and storing the waveform data in the target test language when a match is detected and retrieving corresponding parameters of the waveform in the original test language”.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record taken alone or in combination fail to teach, anticipate, suggest or render obvious the claimed invention for a method of converting test vectors in an original cycle based test language into a target cycle based test language, including the steps recited, inter alia, in the independent claims, as follows:

Claims 1 and 8, as amended, recite the step of comparing the template derived from the waveform in the target test language and the set of constituent events derived from the original test language, wherein the step of comparing the template and the constituent event is made at different levels of abstraction determined in advance, in the order of a signal level, a wave-kind level where the signal is configured by a plurality of wave-kinds, and a character level where the wave-kind is configured by a plurality of characters.

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Consequently, independent claims 1 and 8 are allowed over the prior arts of record. Claims 2-7 are directly or indirectly depended upon claim 1 and therefore are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

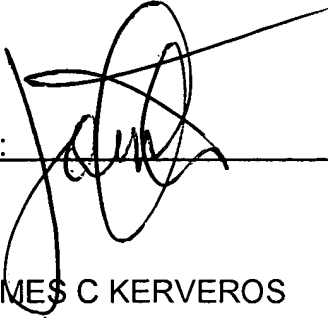
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES C KERVEROS whose telephone number is (571) 272-3824. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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